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ENCOURAGING NEWS

In the presence of all the problems we face today, there are too many Americans who throw up their hands in despair. They declare that the reactionary modern 'liberals' are in the saddle and riding high. They say there's nothing we can do about it, so why bother. For these Americans, and for all others who have at heart the true welfare of their country, there have been several very encouraging signs during the past weeks.

First, the communist-inspired and 'liberal'-led

drive against the House Un-American Activities Committee laid a great big egg. Initially, the plan was to bring about the outright destruction of the Committee. This effort got nowhere, due chiefly to protests from people all over the country, and to the work of energetic young conservatives, who knew and understood the fine service rendered by this Committee of the Congress in exposing the communist conspiracy. Having failed to destroy the Committee, the forces lined up

against it decided to try to hamstring it by cutting its appropriation to the bone so that it would have no money to carry on its investigations. This effort to cripple the Committee was led by Congressman James Roosevelt of California. He and the forces with which he aligns himself sustained a stinging defeat. The House voted the full appropriation for which the Committee asked by the biggest majority in its history. Only six members of the House, including Mr. Roosevelt, voted against the Committee; 412 members voted for it.

Second, an event took place in New York City recently which is one of the most encouraging in many long years of modern 'liberal' conformity. New York, as everyone knows, is a hotbed of 'liberal'-leftism. But the organi-

zation called Young Americans for Freedom held a public meeting in New York City with a number of prominent conservative speakers. Young Americans for Freedom is an organization of college students who have revolted against the slanted, anti-American welfare-state socialism, and worse, of their leftist and 'liberal' professors. It is a new organization, but already it has 21,000 members on 115 college campuses. And at its recent meeting in New York City, it not only packed a large hall to the rafters but had to turn away thousands of people for whom there was no room. This was in New York City, mind you! Of course, one or two battles do not win a war, but these should be a lesson to those who are willing to surrender without fighting.

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT

A third recent event has its encouraging side too, though it was not an unmixed blessing. This was a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in two cases concerning the House Un-American Activities Committee. They involved two men named Wilkinson and Braden who refused to tell the

Committee whether they were communists. They claimed the Committee was interfering with their right to free speech. The Committee and the House of Representatives cited them for contempt of Congress. They were tried and convicted. They appealed all the way to the Supreme Court and that

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Court upheld their conviction.

Several years ago, in a case known as the Watkins decision, the Warren Court, as part of a long series of moves which gave aid and comfort to the communist conspiracy, severely hampered congressional committees investigating subversion. Then, in the new decisions involving Wilkinson and Braden, and also in another case known as the Barenblatt decision, the Court seemed to ease up somewhat on its deep concern for the rights, not of ordinary Americans, but of communists and pro-communists.

However, before we throw our hats too high in the air over the fact that maybe the

Supreme Court is finally waking up to the realities of communism, we must keep in mind two things about these recent decisions. The first is that the Court majority which decided in favor of the House Un-American Activities Committee made it very plain that its findings applied only to the cases under consideration. In other words, the Court might decide just the opposite next week or next month. In fact, not many weeks ago the Court decided a case involving an official of a left-wing labor union. He was convicted twice of having lied when he swore to the National Labor Relations Board that he was not a communist. He was sentenced to eight years in jail and fined \$4000. He appealed to the Supreme Court. The Court reversed his conviction. Why? Because he was tried in Colorado where he mailed the false affidavits to the Labor Board. The Court said he should have been tried in Washington because that's where the main office of the Labor Board is! In the meantime, the statute of limitations has run out, so this labor leader cannot be indicted again. He goes scot free.

However, the most important

point to keep in mind about the later decisions upholding the right of Congress to investigate subversion is that they were by 5-4 votes. That's uncomfortably close in cases involving the communist menace, especially when we remember that there are one or two members of the Supreme

Court who have a habit of sliding from one side to the other. Also, there are several members of the Court who are past retirement age. This means that new appointments to the Court will be at the hands of President Kennedy and his so-called New Frontiersmen.

IT'S ON THE POTOMAC

Speaking of the New Frontier, now that the new regime has been in office nearly two months, where and what is its New Frontier? It has become pretty obvious that the Frontier is not in outer space or on some farflung outpost of any ocean or continent. It is right on the Potomac in Washington, D.C.; it is not a frontier, and there is nothing new about it. The New Frontiersmen are partly the old, discredited New Dealers and partly their modern-day imitators. The so-called frontier is the old Rooseveltian formula of tax-and-tax, spend-and-spend, elect-and-elect. Its basis is so old it creaks - more and more government interference, and thus more and more control, over every phase of our lives by the Washington bureaucracy, all carried on

with great bites out of our incomes. We are today paying the inevitable price for a whole batch of New Deal interferences with our free-enterprise economy. It used to be described as 'government by alphabet soup' - a reference to the innumerable alphabetical bureaus set up by FDR and his successors. Well, the New Frontier had hardly been in power a week when there were proposals in Washington for at least 25 *additional* alphabetical agencies covering everything from the arts to the handicapped.

All this, of course, is simply another form of disguised socialism. President Kennedy is supposed to be avidly in search of information and intelligence about the numerous problems with which he must deal. He might try tearing himself away from the

Harvard and other New Frontiersmen who surround him. Then he could take a clear look at socialist experiments in other countries. Great Britain, for instance, has just announced that it is selling back to private industry the seven steel companies which were nationalized ten years ago. And West Germany has about completed turning over to private ownership the government-owned Volkswagen Auto Works.

It is a strange thing to see the United States, under the pretense of a new frontier which is not new and is not a frontier, going in for the socialist experiments which European countries tried and are now discarding. It is an ironic twist of fate that just when Europe begins to see how superior is the free-enterprise system which made America great and prosperous, we start copying Europe's old and discredited socialism.

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 3/12/61

Book Review LAW OR VIOLENCE?

THE KOHLER STRIKE: Union Violence and Administrative Law, by *Sylvester Petro*, 118 pages, Regnery, Chicago, \$3.00.

There is pending before a higher court an appeal in a famous case. The decision, in plain words, will decide whether in the future American workers and their employers are to be ruled by law or by violence.

The case, of course, is the one involving the infamous strike by Walter Reuther's United Automobile Workers Union against the Kohler Company of Kohler, Wisconsin.

Sylvester Petro was himself a union worker and organizer. He is now a professor at New York University Law School. In this small, dynamite-packed book he presents a clear and dramatic picture of the strike itself, straightens out some badly distorted views of the Kohler Company and the town in which it operates, and gives a blow-by-blow (literally, on the part of the union) description of the moves on both sides throughout the long and violent strike.

But the meat - and the dynamite - in Dr. Petro's book

is found in his penetrating analysis of the recent National Labor Relations Board action which decided *against* the company, and from which the company has now appealed. It took the NLRB six years to decide this case on the most amazing, irrelevant and twisted premises imaginable. And therein lies the great danger on which Dr. Petro has put his finger. With the growth of Big Government and the so-called administrative bureaus which are its natural excrescence, we have gradually and often without realizing it, taken out of the hands of our established courts of law the proper administration of laws and turned it over to politically-appointed bureaucrats. Down that road lies tyranny and the death of freedom.

The Kohler case is an especially dramatic example, but it is only an example. The sort of thing outlined in this book goes on day in and day out, not only with regard to our labor problems but all

kinds of other problems into which we have allowed the bureaucrats to dip their hands.

Dr. Petro says bluntly: 'From its first entry into the Kohler dispute to its final decision in August of 1960, the NLRB conducted itself more in the manner of a kangaroo court than of a fair-minded legal tribunal.' And Kohler got no 'special' treatment - the NLRB 'has conducted itself in a similar fashion throughout its history.' Some of the bureaucrats' bases for finding against the Kohler Company are beyond belief, and actually included denying the company and its officials certain of their constitutional rights. But that is the inevitable way of bureaucracies. Dr. Petro proposes an eminently sensible, indeed imperative means of returning the American worker and his employer to the rule of law and rescuing them from the clutches of unfair and unconstitutional bureaucrats.

- Rosalie Gordon

"BARGAIN" MEDICINE IN BRITAIN

"Since 1948 the United States has increased the number of general hospitals from 6335 to 6845. England in the same period built not one general hospital. In the United States we have an average of one doctor for every 1080 people. England has one doctor for every 2267 people. According to the

British people we have talked to, a person has to wait for as much as two years for an operation that is not an emergency. And yes, they can go to the doctor of their choice if they are willing to pay him...but they have already paid enough through taxes and cannot afford to pay double. England's National Health Service is costing them three times the original estimate."

- Utica (Ohio) HERALD

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"The Molalla River in Oregon is like many peaceful small streams that under storm conditions go on a rampage. At a horseshoe turn in its course it has been eating away valuable farm land on its periodic sprees, so the farmers affected organized the Molalla River District Improvement Co., Inc. Following the current practices, aid was sought from Great White Father. This led to the U.S. Corps of Army Engineers. Then the fun started.

"Dissatisfied with the engineers' estimate of \$188,000 for a flood control improvement in addition to erosion elimination, to be carried out at some uncertain future date, the farmers decided to start a 'do it yourself' project. They borrowed a tractor last fall and in some two weeks cut a new 500-foot-long channel for the river to bypass the 1800-foot horseshoe. It has controlled the erosion. The cost was some

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\$1500, compared with an estimated \$188,000 for the more extensive government project.

"Commenting on this self-help, the Feather River, Calif., *Bulletin* said: 'It costs the federal taxpayers nothing. It makes one wonder how much of the federal tax bill could be eliminated, at the same time increasing the efficiency of operations now financed by the taxpayers, if a little common sense were applied to the problem.' "- Dallas (Tex.) *STAR POST*

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